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Indianapolis Recognized for the Top "Complete Streets" Policy

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis has been recognized for having the Complete Streets multimodal transportation policy in the nation by Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition. Indianapolis was one of 125 communities to adopt "Complete Street" policies last year.

The City-County Council passed the Complete Streets Ordinance, and Mayor Greg Ballard approved it, in August 2012. The ordinance defines a complete street as one that is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users: Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a street. The policy ensures that public and private entities plan for all transportation modes when developing a new land use or right-of-way projects.

"The Complete Streets Ordinance is a vital component to enhancing the livability and success of our city," Mayor Ballard said. "Incorporating multimodal design features into the City's transportation planning is critical to improving connectivity and attracting top talent to Indianapolis."

Moving forward, the City will incorporate multimodal design aspects into current and future transportation projects to promote access, mobility and healthy lifestyles. The Complete Streets Ordinance also improves the future connectivity of the City by making streets and bridges more convenient to use for pedestrians, bicyclists and mass transit users. The policy also ensures that transportation infrastructure is integrated into the City's overall connectivity plan—including bikelanes, multi-use paths and greenways.

Indianapolis was one of 10 communities recognized for exceptional work in the past year.

"The policies passed in 2012 are some of the strongest we've seen," said Stefanie Seskin, Deputy Director of the National Complete Streets Coalition. "The communities included in this year's analysis have done a stellar job drafting strong, comprehensive policies to create streets that work for everyone."

Click here for the "The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2012" full report.

Click <u>here</u> for the City of Indianapolis Complete Streets Ordinance.